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SUBJECT: CHINESE REACTION TO LATEST U.S. MOVES: MUTED,
SO FAR

REF: BEIJING 17057

1. OFFICIAL CHINESE REACTION TO U.S. MOVES TO SUSPEND
HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS AND TO SEEK
TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTION LENDING TO CHINA HAS BEEN RELATIVELY MUTED,
SO FAR. VIRTUALLY ALL DIRECT COMMENT ON THE U.S. MOVES
HAS BEEN LIMITED TO REPEATING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
PRESS SPOKESPERSON'S STATEMENTS JUNE 22 THAT CHINA
OPPOSES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S INTERFERENCE IN CHINA'S
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND WILL NOT YIELD TO OUTSIDE
PRESSURE (REFTEL).

2. THE JUNE 23 PEOPLE'S DAILY FEATURED TWO ARTICLES ON
THE U.S. MOVES--THE FIRST A REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT
DETAILED THE U.S. MOVES, AND NOTED EARLIER U.S. STEPS
TO SUSPEND MILITARY SALES; THE SECOND A REPORT ON
THE MFA PRESS BRIEFING. SIMILAR TREATMENT HAS BEEN
ACCORDED IN OTHER MAJOR DAILIES. CHINESE TV AND
RADIO HAVE ALSO, UP TO NOW, LIMITED THEIR STATEMENTS
TO THE FORMULATION GIVEN BY THE MFA SPOKESPERSON.
THE CHINESE DO SEEM TO BE SINGLING OUT U.S. MOVES --
THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN AS MUCH COVERAGE TO SIMILAR EUROPEAN
MOVES TODAY WHICH WERE, HOWEVER, DONE IN LOWER PROFILE.
THE CHINESE DID IN THEIR EARLY MORNING BROADCAST
TODAY JUXTAPOSE THE U.S. MEASURES WITH A FAVORABLE
STATEMENT MADE ON STABILITY IN CHINA BY A MALAYSIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL.

3. AWARE OF BILATERAL TENSIONS, BUT UNCLEAR OF
THE CONSEQUENCES OF USG MEASURES, A MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE (MOFERTI)
RELATED COMPANY CALLED THE EMBASSY JUNE 22 TO ASK
WHETHER THERE WERE ANY U.S. SANCTIONS WHICH WOULD
INTERFERE WITH A CONTEMPLATED BUSINESS DEAL WITH
A U.S. COMPANY. THIS WAS OUR ONLY SUCH QUERY.

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